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SUBJECT: AIRTRON/LITTON TRADE COMPLAINT

1. DEPT. CONTACTED JULY 31 BY DEAN KUPINSKY, AIRTRON DIV., LITTON INDUSTRIES, MORRIS PLAINS, N.J., CONCERNING POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION INVOLVING FIRM OF DUNSTAN RICHARD MDSE. CO., P.O. BOX 5651, LAGOS TO WHICH AIRTRON AIR-SHIPPED DOLS. 10,000 WORTH OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS MAY 31 (AFTER OBTAINING FAVORABLE D AND B REPORT ON DUNSTAN RICHARD) ON BASIS BILL OF EXCHANGE DRAWN ON BANQUE BELGE (NIG) LTD, BALOGUN BRANCH, 1ST FLOOR, P.O. BOX 6184, MARINA, LAGOS, GUARANTEEING PAYMENT (STILL UNRECEIVED) IN TEN DAYS. AIRTRON NOW UNABLE VERIFY EXISTENCE EITHER BUYER'S FIRM OR BANK DESPITE INQUIRIES THROUGH CHASE, STANDARD AND BARCLAYS BANKS. IN MEANTIME, AIRTRON HAS RECEIVED ORDER FROM DUNSTAN RICHARD FOR IMMEDIATE SECOND DOLS. 10,000 SHIPMENT, WITH ACCOMPANYING ASSURANCES THAT EXCHANGE CONTROL FORMALITIES FOR PAYMENT ON INITIAL ORDER BEING COMPLETED.

2. KUPINSKY INDICATED HE HAD PHONED EMBASSY LAGOS LAST
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WEEK TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING EXISTENCE/REPU-

TATION OF BUYER OR BANK, AND INDICATION WHETHER PAYMENT REALLY IN PROCESS. FYI: KUPINSKY CONSIDERING ASKING USG TO SEEK COOPERATION FROM NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES IN INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE POSTAL FRAUD. (KUPINSKY PROPOSES THAT FAKE DIAMOND SHIPMENT BE SENT BUYER, WITH AUTHORITIES ALERTED TO QUESTION CLAIMANT). STATE/COMMERCE PREPARED TO PASS KUPINSKY ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY EMBASSY AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON PRACTICALITY SEEKING OFFICIAL NIGERIAN ASSISTANCE IN THIS MANNER. ROGERS

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